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The Crime Commission advises the governor on matters related to the criminal justice system and makes recommendations for improving the justice system, protecting individual rights and promoting public safety. The commission has 44 members, each serving a three-year term. The governor appoints 27 members. The President Pro-Tem of the Senate and the Speaker of the House each appoint two members. The attorney general, superintendent of Public Instruction, Director of the State Bureau of Investigation, Director of Prisons, Director of Adult Probation and Parole, Director of Administrative Office of the Courts, a State Supreme Court justice, the secretaries of the departments of Health and Human Services, Correction, Crime Control and Public Safety, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the assistant secretary to the Intervention and Prevention Bureau and the assistant secretary to the detention bureau of the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention also serve on the commission.

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